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LETTER DATED 5 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 24-30 September 1992.

24-25 September 1992

Northern region: 12 sorties, flown F-4, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 5,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Tall Afar.

At 1140 hours on 24 September, two United States aircraft dropped two heat flares in the Salamiyah area of the Ninawa Governorate.

Southern region: 72 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Shatrah, Busayyah, Artawi and Qal'at Salih.

25-26 September 1992

Northern region: No aerial activity.

Southern region: 61 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15, F-16, TR-1 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 20,000 metres, centred over Amarah, Basra, Nasiriyah, Busayyah and Ushbayjah.

26-27 September 1992

Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

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Southern region: 119 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Amarah, Samawah, Busayyah and Salman.

27-28 September 1992

Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,500 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

Southern region: 93 sorties, flown by F-4, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Chalabiyah, Busayyah and Qal'at Salih.

28-29 September 1992

Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,500 to 5,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Zakho and Tall Afar.

Southern region: 62 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 12,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Basra, Busayyah and Shatiyah.

29-30 September 1992

Northern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Amadiyah, Zakho, Rawandus and Tall Afar.

Also on 29 September, two United States F-111 aircraft overflew Saddam Dam in the Ninawa Governorate at low altitude dropping heat flares.

Southern region: 72 sorties, flown by F-4, F-14, F-15, F-16, TR-1 and other aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 20,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Salman and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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